

House Resolution No. 4306

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those veterans organizations which are devoted to community service as well as to meeting the needs of those who have answered the national call to patriotic service through their joining the various branches which make up the United States military; and

Whereas, the J.A. Ashby Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3485 in Doniphan was founded in 1968 by thirty-five men who had valiantly fought overseas to defeat tyranny and to uphold the principles of democracy and freedom; and

Whereas, with three of its charter members still active, Post 3485 will commemorate the Thirty-fifth Anniversary of its establishment with appropriate ceremonies during 2003; and

Whereas, down through the years Post 3485 has engaged in such patriotic endeavors as placing flags on the streets of Doniphan for Memorial Day, Flag Day, Veterans Day, and Labor Day, and providing Color Guards for local parades, organizations, and military funerals; and

Whereas, Post 3485 has also developed and maintained an exceptional reputation for its volunteer efforts with Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts; the Doniphan AAU Magic basketball team; Ripley County Fair; holiday parties for children, state school students, and area nursing homes; the Veterans Administration Hospital in Poplar Bluff; Ministerial Alliance; Project Graduation; D.A.R.E.; Operation Up-link; Haven House; the Lean on Me Pantry; the Salvation Army; and local families who have members undergoing medical emergencies; and

Whereas, Post 3485 successfully carries out its diverse program of community involvement thanks in large measure to the support and encouragement its members receive from the Women's Auxiliary, which was chartered in 1970 with twenty-three members, of whom five are still active:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar history and societal contributions associated with VFW Post 3485, to salute the organization's members and officers, and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes as they observe the Thirty-fifth Anniversary of their organization's founding; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the J.A. Ashby Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3485 in Doniphan, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Mike Dethrow
District No. 153

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4306, adopted October 2, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker